

HOME EDITION

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

TOPEKA, KANSAS. SEPTEMBER 15, 1915.

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THIS EDITION 2 CENTS.

SPECIAL TRAINS BRING THOUSANDS TO BIG FREE FAIR IN TOPEKA TODAY

Dark and Threatening Skies Have No Effect on Crowd.

Every Railroad Reports Loaded Coaches From Over State.

TRACK TOO HEAVY FOR RACES

Rain Ruined Chances for Speed—Plenty Tomorrow.

Exhibits Favored by Visitors at Exposition Today.

POLO GAMES FOR TOMORROW

Exciting Events Postponed Today on Account of Field.

Horse Show Feature in Front of Grandstand Tonight.

This afternoon, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Koepcke.

Tonight, 6:30 p. m.—The grounds and all buildings and exhibits brilliantly illuminated by electricity, open free to all.
7:30 p. m.—The Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:30 p. m.—The Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:30 p. m.—The Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.

Thursday, September 16, 7:00 a. m.—Gates open, free to all.
7:30 a. m.—The Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:30 a. m.—The Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:30 a. m.—The Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.

Friday, September 17, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Koepcke.

Saturday, September 18, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
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Sunday, September 19, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Koepcke.

Monday, September 20, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Koepcke.

Tuesday, September 21, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Koepcke.

Wednesday, September 22, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Koepcke.

Thursday, September 23, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Koepcke.

Friday, September 24, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Koepcke.

Saturday, September 25, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Koepcke.

Sunday, September 26, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Koepcke.

Monday, September 27, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Koepcke.

Tuesday, September 28, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
9:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Koepcke.

Wednesday, September 29, 1:00 p. m.—The Military Band concert in front of grandstand.
4:00 p. m.—Concert on Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
8:00 p. m.—Concert in Machinery Field by the Famous Frontier Cowboy band from Sharon Springs.
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"GREATEST FAIR," SAYS MORGAN OF HUTCHINSON

"My pockets are full of olive branches. It's the greatest fair I ever saw—gorgeous, grand, big in every department and complete in every detail. It's wonderful, really wonderful."

Thus said W. Y. (Billy) Morgan of Hutchinson, lieutenant governor, as he came from the Topeka fair today. There were smiles on Morgan's face. He had been to the cattle barns, the horse pavilion, the hog and sheep pens, the agricultural and machinery exhibits—even the needlework display. As he looked over the acres of exhibits the Hutchinson booster's face clouded for just a second. Possibly in that fleeting instant Morgan gave way to his regret that he really didn't live in Topeka—that the Topeka show was a state institution and not in his own home town. "I hope it all comes to a head," he said. "I haven't a word to say in criticism—not a word. I'm the most neutral man in Kansas."

HORSE SHOW TONIGHT

President Lux announced at 3 o'clock this afternoon that the horse show—Tuesday night's program—would be given tonight if it is not raining between 6 or 7 and 8 o'clock. By the use of gasoline drying and straw a good ground, they say, can be provided.

BIG RAIN IN STATE

Streams Rise in Kansas After Big Downpour.

Dam Breaks at Yates Center; Iola Is Threatened.

Iola, Kan., Sept. 15.—A rainfall of 2.95 inches was recorded at the weather station here this morning. A six inch rain fell in the watershed of Rock, Elm and Coon creeks and the Neosho river. The Neosho river has left its banks and is flooding the lowlands and covering the road west of the city, cutting off all traffic except by boat. H. K. Holcomb in charge of the government weather station here, is sending out flood warnings by telephone and telegraph. The records show over 50 inches of rain here up to date in 1915. Traffic on the Missouri Pacific railroad has been resumed after the wrecking of a freight train twenty miles east of Iola yesterday, when a bridge, weakened by recent flood, gave way after the engine had passed over. No one was injured.

The dam of the Yates Center Water company on Owl creek, one mile south of that town, broke today and residents along the creek were forced to flee to places of safety. A large part of the southwest section of Woodson county was inundated, but no loss of life was reported.

Marais Des Cygnes Bank Full.

Paola, Kan., Sept. 15.—Heavy rains last night were reported at Oswatomie, Fontana and Hillsdale. The Potawatomi river near Oswatomie and Bull creek near Paola, which have been falling the last few days, are rising again. The Marais des Cygnes river is bank full.

Big Rain at Independence.

Independence, Kan., Sept. 15.—One of the heaviest rains of the year fell here last night and this morning. All streams are rising rapidly.

Four-Inch Rain at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Kan., Sept. 15.—The total rainfall here today and yesterday has amounted to 4.11 inches. All streams are swollen and interurban railway service is badly demoralized.

TEUTONS HAVE SHOT THEIR BOLT, KITCHENER DECLARES

London, Sept. 15.—"The Germans appear much to have shot their bolt," said Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, today. "Their advance in Russia, which at one time averaged five miles a day, has been diminished to less than one mile a day."

MORE RAIN AND GLOOM

That is the Best Weather Bureau Has to Offer.

More rain and gloom is coming to Topeka tonight and Thursday. The weather man holds out no hope for tonight but there is a probability of a rift in the clouds tomorrow afternoon. The temperatures will climb slightly higher tomorrow. The forecast calls for showers tonight and probably Thursday; warmer Thursday.

The rain at Topeka Tuesday and Tuesday night netted 37 of an inch. The rain today amounted to .13 of an inch. A slow intermittent drizzle kept up practically all day. Temperatures were 7 degrees below normal. The wind blew at the rate of 10 miles an hour from the east. Following are the hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock	57.1	o'clock	61
8 o'clock	59.1	o'clock	63
9 o'clock	60.1	o'clock	66
10 o'clock	61.2	o'clock	67
11 o'clock	62.3	o'clock	68

IT'S UP TO BERLIN PLAN TO PUSH BLUE SKY LAW

Washington's Future Course Hinges on Kaiser's Action.

Wilson Hopes for Frank Disavowal in Arabic Case.

HESPERIAN NOTE IS WELCOME

Disclaimer Shows Germany Sincere in Plunger Control.

Berlin Believes Ship Sunk by Floating Mine.

Washington, Sept. 15.—It is Germany's next move.

This was government officials' freely expressed opinion today regarding the submarine warfare controversy.

The lapse of several days, probably a fortnight, was predicted before matters came to a head. In the meantime informal discussion through German Ambassador Bernstorff and American Ambassador Gerard will continue.

The administration is waiting and has some hopes of obtaining from Berlin a disavowal of the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic. Until Germany gives or refuses such a disavowal, high officials said no active steps would be taken by the White House.

The new development, which increased tension here and gave additional hopes for a satisfactory settlement was the delivery to Ambassador Gerard of a note disclaiming responsibility for the Allan liner Hesperian's destruction.

While the Hesperian note, according to Berlin reports, which has reached the state department says it is almost certain that a mine and not a torpedo sank the steamship, the communication is regarded as further assurance of Germany's pledge to cease attacking passenger liners without warning.

Officials believe the natural inference from the Hesperian disavowal is that Germany is loth to believe her submarine commanders are not obeying orders.

GERMANIA PRAISES WILSON.

Paper Believes Hesperian Was Sunk by British Mine.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—(Via London).—In the German governments explanation of the Hesperian case, Germania sees the way made clear for "President Wilson's ultimate position regarding the German note concerning justification for the sinkings of the Arabic."

The newspaper declares the British press must give up its hopes of serious difficulties between Berlin and Washington. It praises President Wilson for having refused to be influenced by British reports of a new menace to German-American relations which had just been guided into a more peaceful channel, and adds:

"The president's cool self-containment of lies is at last torn to pieces, and if anything remains of the entire question of responsibility for the sinking of the Hesperian will rest immediately, as suspected, on one of Britain's excellent anchored mines."

Hesperian Blast in Dark.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—(Via Wireless to Sayville).—The Overseas News agency says it is virtually certain that the steamship Hesperian was not sunk by a German submarine, and adds:

"If as is said by a London newspaper one member of the Hesperian crew pretends to have seen a German submarine, this means nothing, as the explosion occurred at about 8:45 p. m.—when it was dark. Moreover, it has invariably been the case recently that when an explosion has been shown to have been due to a mine, several so-called eye-witnesses pretended to have seen the periscope of a submarine."

Von Bernstorff Is Reticent.

New York, Sept. 15.—Ambassador Bernstorff, back at his hotel here, today said he anticipated no further developments in the situation between Germany and America for at least a fortnight. Beyond this he was unwilling to discuss the new developments between this country and his own.

ASQUITH ASKS BILLION AND QUARTER MORE; DAILY WAR COST, \$17,500,000

London, Sept. 15.—Premier Asquith in the house of commons today moved a vote of credit of 250,000,000 pounds (\$1,250,000,000). In making the motion the premier announced that from July 18 to Sept. 11, the daily net expenditure for the war had been 5,500,000 pounds (\$17,500,000).

Premier Asquith announced that an aggregate of three million men had enlisted since the beginning of the war.

GET OUT MEXICO! TEUTONS IN PERIL

Consuls and Consular Agents Told to Come Home.

Another Border Plot Foiled; Steel Barrier Along Line.

HOLIDAY UPRISING IS FEARED

U. S. Seeks to Curb "Independence Day" Reprisals.

Two Day Celebration Charged With Grave Possibilities.

Washington, Sept. 15.—American consuls and consular agents in Northern Sonora and Chihuahua have been ordered by this government to withdraw to the United States because of the dangers in border uprisings and inability of Mexican military leaders to protect them.

The order to the consuls followed action by the state department in repeating advice to American citizens in northern Mexico to remain away from that country for the present. The government, it is said, wishes to forestall difficulties which may arise over acts of marauding bands which are threatening more depredations in northern Mexico. In several instances, it is reported, Mexican military leaders have said they would not be responsible for the safety of American citizens or officials.

New Plot Nipped.

San Benito, Tex., Sept. 15.—Heavy cavalry and infantry patrols, which were rushed to this city of 5,000 persons during last night, kept off a threatened attack by Mexican bandits. Evidence of a plot to terrorize the city last night was strengthened by reports to army patrols were sent out along the roads for some distance from town to be ready to meet the attack.

The army's quick work during the night evidently nipped the Mexicans from carrying out whatever plans they had. Soon after sunrise, San Benito resumed its normal aspect and army patrols were sent out along the roads for some distance from town to be ready to meet the attack.

The night passed without incident on the remainder of the front.

Bomb Fighting in West.

Paris, Sept. 15.—The French war office this afternoon gave out this statement:

"In the Artois district, in the sectors of Neuville and Breton Court, there has been fighting with grenades, accompanied by artillery exchanges. Yesterday also saw engagements with bombs in the vicinity of Lisieux, west of Chalons, and in the forest of St. Ymer. The fighting was very hard."

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BIG BRIBE OFFER

Longshoremen's Head in Grave Charge Against Germans.

Offered \$1,350,000 for Strike of One Month.

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 15.—German agents offered T. V. O'Connor, president of the International Longshoremen's union, \$1,350,000 for a one-month strike of his men along the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard.

The offer was the statement made today by O'Connor himself. He told delegates of the Longshoremen's union of the Great Lakes district of the offer and cautioned them not to be misled by machinations of German or Austrian agents.

The huge bribe, O'Connor said, was made by a Boston grocer, the money being equivalent to one month's strike benefits for the 24,000 men in the deep water division. A strike, O'Connor stated, would greatly hamper shipments of ammunition to the allies and give Austro-German agents a better opportunity to plant bombs in vessels.

CROWN PRINCE ILL

Kaiser's Oldest Son Cracks Under Strain of Campaign.

Going Without Sleep Produces Mental Aberration.

London, Sept. 15.—A sensational report coming from German sources and received here by way of Rotterdam says that the German crown prince is suffering from mental aberration as the result of the worries of the campaign.

The crown prince undoubtedly has not spared himself in his attempt to strike a decisive blow or the western front. Prior to the state visit for three days during the recent offensive he went entirely without sleep. He has now broken under the strain, according to the German report, which adds that in spite of the entreaties of the Crown Princess Cecile, the crown prince refuses to relinquish his command even temporarily.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Showers tonight and probably Thursday; warmer Thursday.

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BOTKIN CASES UP

Investigating Commission Here to Render Decision.

Hunting for Place on Neck to Apply the Axe.

Members of the commission appointed by Governor Capper are in Topeka today to make their final guess on the evidence in the ouster proceedings against Warden J. J. Botkin. It was stated that the entire day would be spent in consideration of the evidence and that a decision would probably not be announced until sometime Thursday.

Botkin was suspended as warden of the state prison early in July, following the filing of charges with Governor Capper by B. D. Jones, a discharged employee at the penitentiary. The commission spent ten days investigating the charges and took three weeks' recess awaiting the preparation of transcripts of the testimony.

Among political observers, who have followed the progress of the Botkin case, there is a general impression that the commission is carefully inspecting Botkin's official neck in an effort to find a proper place to apply the ax. Three Republicans, a Progressive and a Democrat compose the commission. Botkin, a Democrat, was appointed by Governor Hodges in 1913 to succeed J. K. Coddig, Republican. Botkin was confirmed by the senate and his commission expired September 1, 1917.

Members of the commission who heard testimony in the Botkin case are: Senators James A. Troutman, E. P. M. Bowman, Garnett, Representatives L. J. Pettyjohn, Dodge City; Walter A. Layton, Osborne, and A. J. Holderman, Eldorado.

Launched and Died.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 15.—Deliah Wyant, 16, is dead today because she caught a cold while sitting in her garden, some one said something to make her laugh. A pea lodged in her bronchial tube, and she died before assistance could reach her.

PLOT TO SLAY MEMBERS OF FOREIGN LOAN BOARD

New York, Sept. 15.—The pro-German campaign against the flotation of a billion-dollar credit loan in the United States to Great Britain and France appeared today to assume the proportions of a country-wide plot, threatening even the personal safety of the six members of the Anglo-French financial commission. Members of the commission, of which Lord Reading, lord chief justice of England, is chairman have doubled their body guards, it became known today. They have been requested by the police of New York not to announce in advance their plans for any day and in no instance appear on the streets without detectives guarding them. More than fifty threatening letters have been received by the commission. Their contents runs the scale from abuse to threats against the lives of the members of the commission.

GERMAN SCHEME AFOOT TO BLOCK LOAN TO ALLIES

Teutons Plan to Borrow Half Billion in U. S.

Hope to Tie Up Money Market Against Their Enemies.

BANK RUNS ARE THREATENED

Recalcitrant Firms Face Wholesale Withdrawals.

Campaign Launched Under Cover of American Citizens.

New York, Sept. 15.—The Anglo-French financial commission today heard that German agents, alarmed at the momentum gained in the last few days by the movement to lend Great Britain and France a billion dollars to be spent for supplies here, had instituted a country-wide campaign against the flotation of the proposed credit loan.

Some of these agents, the commission was informed, were known as men who had furthered the spread of the German propaganda during the presence in this country of Dr. Bernhard Dernburg. Who furnished the finances to maintain these agents was a matter which aroused the interest of the commissioners.

Under Cover of U. S. Citizens. According to information which came to the commissioners, the German attack upon the proposed loan was launched from the cover of American citizens of German parentage, nativity or sympathies, although in reality these citizens were not the prime movers in the agitation. The attack included not only the negative stand in refusing to participate, which the agitators hope will be

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TAFT ON THE WAR

Ex-President Thinks U. S. Will Keep Skirts Clear.

Five Thousand Hear Address at Stanford University.

Stanford University, Calif., Sept. 15.—"William Howard Taft, former president of the United States, addressed an audience of 5,000 in the football bleachers at Stanford University Tuesday."

His address was on "World Relations." He predicted the United States will keep out of the war. He said the belligerents do not want us in and we must keep out. He said he would not go into war, and that therefore we will probably keep out. "My guess," said Judge Taft, "is that this war will last at least two years more. It will be a question of endurance. When both sides are down and out we will have peace."

He said that the nation make a treaty with two or three of the more powerful nations to make war impossible. He proposed an international court of arbitration to be referred to the pact, to decide questions of international importance. He said these questions which this court could not decide should be referred to a conciliation committee and that if any nation of such a league should go to war with another nation of that league, the world would be at war. He said that the international court, all other nations of the league should defend the nation attacked.

LAME ZEPPELIN DOWN

Crippled Airship Believed to Have Figured in Riga Gulf Raid.

London, Sept. 15.—A German airship badly damaged by Russian gunfire has descended at Koenigsberg, according to a dispatch to Amsterdam. It was believed to have been one of those that participated in the raid on the Gulf of Riga.

A German statement issued September 10 stated that a naval airship dropped several bombs on a Russian naval base at a Baltic port and returned undamaged, although it was fired upon.

Taft Is 58 Today.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 15.—Former President William Howard Taft was 58 today. The present Yale professor was born in Cincinnati September 15, 1857. He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1880. After he had been graduated from Yale and the Cincinnati law school he worked as a reporter for the Cincinnati Times and later for the Cincinnati Commercial. Then he became assistant prosecuting attorney Hamilton county, which was the beginning of his long service in public office.

WASHINGTON AGAIN WARNS AMERICANS OUT OF MEXICO

Washington, Sept. 15.—Its warning to Americans to keep out of Mexico has been renewed, the state department formally acknowledged today. The warning was as follows:

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